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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

John M. Hotaling II

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 16-44, 55-67 and 70-83 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 16-44, 55-67 and 70-83 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/2/4, 2/9/4 8/30/4</u> . | 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>9/10/04 10/14/04 2/7/05 5/2/05</u> .   |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language:

Claims 1-13, 16-44, 55-67, and 70-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith et al. (U.S. 6,599,194). Smith discloses all of the instant application. Specifically, Smith discloses a home video game console system that is modified to include additional communication and storage capability via a modem and hard disk drive and a user interface. Additionally, Smith et al. discloses it is contemplated that the enhanced video game console system may alternatively be packaged in a common integrated housing and sold as a single unit. Smith et al. discloses the following; a game console (52) comprising a hard disk drive (206) that is non-removable from the game console and that stores a console application (file(s)) to which the game console boots that presents a graphical user interface providing navigation to media on the game console, wherein the hard disk drive is segregated into a user data region and an application data region (Figure 4, Column 1, lines 17-18, Column 2, lines 34-38, Column 3, lines 40-46, and 54-67, and Column 25, lines 3-22), media to play a game (Column 1, lines 10-18, Column 25, lines 3-22, Column 3, lines 57-67); media to watch a movie (television, video, or movie downloaded from the Internet) (Abstract, Column 1, lines 10-18, and Column 3, lines 57-67); and media to listen to music (Column 1, lines 10-18 and Column 3, lines 57-67), the game console

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application is stored on the non-removable hard disk drive and is executable on the processor (Column 3, lines 54-57), the non-removable hard disk drive is configured to store data associated with multiple saved games (Column 7, lines 34-42), the game console comprising an enclosure for the processor (100), the non-removable hard disk drive (206) and a port (80a-d) for interfacing with a game controller (56a-d) (Column 3, lines 41-46 and Figure 1A), a game console (52) comprising a processor (100) and a hard disk drive (206) coupled to the processor, wherein the hard disk drive stores a console application to which the game console boots, and wherein the hard disk drive (partitioned hard disk drive) stores application data such that data associated with a first application is inaccessible to other applications (Figure 4, Column 1, lines 17-18, Column 2, lines 34-38, Column 3, lines 40-46, and 54-67, Column 25, lines 3-22, and Column 17, lines 12-42). Smith discloses identifying a file name or program on the hard disk drive (Column 3, lines 57-67, Column 7, lines 34-42, Column 13, lines 3-17, Column 23, lines 1-20, and Column 25, lines 3-22), determining portions of the hard disk drive that are associated with the video game based on the game identifier (Column 3, lines 57-67, Column 7, lines 34-42, Column 13, lines 3-17, Column 23, lines 1-20, and Column 25, lines 3-22). Additionally, file names stored in a file manager by name and folder/directory is inherent to a hard disk drive having file managing capabilities; media containing a game (Column 1, lines 10-18, Column 25, lines 3-22, Column 3, lines 57-67); and media containing a movie (television, video, or movie downloaded from the Internet) (Abstract, Column 1, lines 10-18, and Column 3, lines 57-67). Regarding the different media types please see the following; media to play a game (Column 1, lines 10-18, Column 25, lines 3-22, Column 3, lines 57-67); media to watch a movie (television, video, or movie downloaded from the Internet) (Abstract, Column 1, lines 10-18, and Column 3, lines 57-67); and media to listen to music (audio) (Column 1, lines 10-18,

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Column 25, lines 3-22, Column 3, lines 57-67). With respect to the graphical user interface please see Figure 4, Column 1, lines 17-18, Column 2, lines 34-38, Column 3, lines 40-46, and 54-67, and Columns 22, 23, 25, lines 3-22. With respect to the graphical user interface Please see figure 10 where a user interface, application manager, and a file manager are disclosed. Additionally, 13:3-17 discloses storage of all media on a mass storage device including games, DVD's, and other application programs. Column 22:47- 23:20 explicitly discloses a user interface as follows:

The user interface 350 is the user interface which permits a user to select features provided by the application manager 352. The user interface therefore presents to the user a set of selectable operations.

The application manager 352 is the module which controls which applications are executed and which are not. Additionally, it exercises control over the file management system 360.

As described above, some of the applications that may be run in the video game system 50 as expanded by expansion device 95 are communications applications, which are controlled by a communications applications module 354. Such applications include an Internet browser, which may, for example, be a conventional browser providing e-mail and other capabilities appreciated by those skilled in the art.

The system also provides for off-line applications controlled by an Off-line Applications module 356. Module 356 provides calculator, word processor, TV guide and other applications. With respect to the TV guide off-line application, the TV guide may, for example, be accessed via the Internet. Once the TV guide is resident in hard drive 206, the Off-line Applications module 356 manages the various operations performed with respect to the TV guide data.

As shown in FIG. 10, all applications have access to File Manager module 360. File Manager 360 controls the files which are stored on hard drive 206 or other mass memory module utilized in the system. The File Manager 360 must in turn pass through the security layer controlled by the Security module 362 before decryption of data stored in the disk is possible.

This section clearly discloses a user interface and a file manager.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 7/1/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. A summation of the applicant's arguments is that the reference to Smith does not disclose a user interface or any of the specifics of a user interface. As can be seen from the section copied from Smith above a user interface for managing files and

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applications is disclosed. Additionally, "The user interface therefore presents to the user a set of selectable operations. The application manager 352 is the module which controls which applications are executed and which are not.

Additionally, it exercises control over the file management system 360. This is providing the user a graphical interface which the user can control and make selections. With respect to an associated graphical element, if the user can make a selection there must inherently be a element on the display from which the user can select thereby making it a associated graphical element.

### ***Conclusion***

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M. Hotaling II whose telephone number is (571) 272 4437. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30-6.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on (571) 272 3507. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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